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Annapolis Recreation Advisory Board

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was called to Order with a quorum at 7:00 by Francesca King, Chair.

Present:

Francesca King, Chair
Dawn Moyer, Vice Chair
Craig Harrison
Emily Tomasini
Roger Ward
Roslyn Johnson, Director
Hilary Raftovich, City Ombudsman/Boards & Commissions
Michele Cross, staff

Not Present:

Katrina Williams

A motion was made to approve the April minutes by Emily Tomasini and 2nd by Dawn Moyer. All were in favor.

Introductions were made.

Roslyn Johnson spoke about Barry Booth and his memorial service. A basketball court at PMRC will be named in his honor.

Francesca King raised the R-24-23, Truxton Park Penguins situation. Discussion was held on how the circumstances unfolded, the tight timeline of the referral on April 12 and the RAB meeting on April 14, communication between the department and the RAB, and what the RAB's role was in the matter. Rules about work sessions were clarified, including that they must be on the city calendar in advance and open to the public. Director Johnson and the RAB discussed best practices to work together going forward.

Hilary Raftovich discussed the fact that the RAB had an unusual request from the City Council for a piece of legislation that got referred to the RAB. The advisory boards generally work together with the department to make suggestions and support the department and improve recreation for the city. The RAB requested guidance from the city for any future referrals from City Council.

The RAB discussed their purpose and how best to fulfill their duty to advise and support the Department, including improved communication and guidance.

Hilary discussed a training session on Roberts Rules of Orders and Open Meetings acts that is now online at boards and commissions/training. Hilary explained ethics and recusals, and in what circumstances recusal is appropriate.

Roslyn Johnson gave the department update:

*A Prom at PMRC was discussed and Director Johnson asked for community input: would this be a good idea for people who missed their High School Prom?

*Summer camps are not full yet but the program guide was not put out early.

*This year will be the first year to program the pool and get a good feed back for entry.

*July 15 will be a free day at PMRC and the pool for Recreation & Parks month

*July 21 is Recreation & Parks professional day and the RAB was asked to come to PMRC to participate.

*MRPA conference in OC where we had seven people attend.

- *Data at PMRC is not collected for all people coming through the door. The new system will be give better data.
- *Discussed the Penguins schedule.

Katrina Williams will serve on the East/West Expansion committee at the request of Erik Leshinsky
Francesca King requested clarification of the duties of the RAB and rules laid out.
Dawn Moyer asked if a monthly report with numbers could be given to the RAB.

ACTION ITEMS:

- *Get clarification on the duties of the RAB
- *July 21 attend the R&P Professional Day at PMRC
- *Give input on Prom
- *Watch the training

Dawn Moyer made a motion to adjourn and Chris Aist second at 8:15 PM all were in favor.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at PMRC.